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Viet Cong Regiments Reported in Republic of Viet-Nam

The existence of the Viet Cong 1st Regiment in northerly Quang Tin Province is now accepted by COMUSMACV, as a result of the interrogation of a former Viet Cong battalion commander. This regiment is composed of three infantry battalions, an understrength artillery battalion currently equipped with a number of 12.7-mm machine guns, and reconnaissance, signal, and "special mission" platoons.

Two additional regiments are reportedly being developed in the same region. These regiments were first reported there by Viet Cong defectors last spring, and two of the battalions of the 1st Regiment reportedly infiltrated into South Viet-Nam last summer.

Acceptance of the 1st Regiment adds two battalions to the Viet Cong order of battle, bringing the total to 29 battalions. Eleven of these are operating in Military Region V. Despite the relatively few large-scale enemy actions in recent months, the progressive development of regimental formations suggests that the Viet Cong are planning ahead for an intensification of the insurgency.

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SOURCE: MACV DISUM 56 (C)

Egyptian Support of Antiregime Saudis

President Nasser [REDACTED] asserted that the UAR is justified in aiding dissident forces in Saudi Arabia as long as the Saudi regime supports royalist forces in Yemen. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Egypt was responsible for the recent airdrop of arms north of Jidda and that such drops would continue in order to "increase the status" of pro-Nasser elements in the Saudi Armed Forces. The Saudi Government reportedly arrested several army officers following the discovery of the airdropped materiel.

The Mecca (Saudi Arabia) radio announced that four Egyptian Ilyushins raided the Khamis Mushayt airport and adjacent areas on the morning of 28 Feb. The Saudi antiaircraft artillery fired on the high-flying Egyptian planes and drove them off with no apparent losses. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM)

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